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In the quiet dawn of a winter's new day, the Spirit of Christmas descends upon the world, instilling boundless joy and the warm feeling of good will towards all. To our many friends, old and new, we're wishing that this will be the happiest of Christmases, bright and shining with the fulfillment of long-cherished dreams. It is our good fortune to have so many kind friends and patrons ... their friendship is one of our most prized possessions.

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### CHURCH NEWS

#### AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister Ronald Ashton, Lay Leader Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist Mrs. Marshall Keyes Sanctuary Choir Director Mary Alexander, Youth Choir Director

Betty Fearn, Junior Choir Director Sandra Garfield, Church Secretary

Friday-6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Cadettes meet at church.

Saturday-10.15 a.m. A Service of Worship at Orchard Manor Rest Home; 11 a.m. A Service of Worship at East Longmeadow Nursing Home.

Sunday-9:30 a.m. The church at worship. Nursery for infants. No church school in session; 11 a.m. Church at worship. Nursery for infants; 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary choir practice.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary

Thursday-7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at church.

Sunday-9:30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. Rev. Lockhart will preach on the theme "A GIFT FOR ALL SEA-SONS" at the morning worship service. The Choir will sing special Christmas music. Susan Hayden will light the fourth Advent Candle. Church School will fol- vaded Luzon in the Philippine Islow, 11 p.m. The annual Candle- lands

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lighting Christmas Eve Service will be held in Bodurtha Hall. Rev. Lockhart will guide the service and the choir will provide special music.

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister Mrs. A. G. Toussaint, Minister of Music

Friday — 7 p.m. Boy Scout meeting; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

Sunday—10 a.m. Church at Morning Worship. A Christmas Cantata, "Behold The Star" by Rob Roy Peery, Mr. Bryan will be narrator. The Cantata will be presented by the Choirs; 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelighting service, Mr. Bryan preaching: Peace on Earth."

Wednesday-6:30 p.m. Merriweds Supper meeting.

Thursday - 7:30 p.m. Special Council meeting; 8 p.m. Special meeting to approve Church budg1

Friday-7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

#### FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

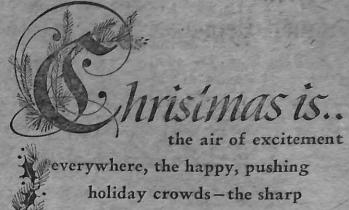
21 North Westfield St. Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor Mrs. Frederick Nardi, Organist Saturday-10 Choir rehearsal in Griswold Hall. Sunday-9:30 a.m. School; 11 a.m. Worship Service

January 10, 1945 - General MacArthur's promise "I shall return" was fulfilled as 68,000 American soldiers successfully in-

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ULETIDE REETINGS

All Furniture Receives Made-To-Order



fragrance of pine, the winking glint of tinsel. Christmas is the pulsing of the human heart, quickened again with hope, it is the warm handclasp of friends, dancing anticipation in in the eyes of a child opening a present. It is a candle glowing in a window, welcoming a stranger - welcoming the Christ!

#### SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS Rev. George Linse, C.S.S. Rev. James Shea. C.S.S. Saturday-4:30 and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday-6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a. m. Masses.

Tuesday-7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

#### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S., Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S. Saturday-4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays-7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.,

Week days-7 a.m. Holy days-7 and 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays-7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

#### ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce Rev. Albert Blanchard Friday-Dec. 22 Confessions 5 to 6 p.m., and 7:0 to 9 p.m. Saturday-Dec. 23 Confessions 4:30 to 6 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday-6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, II:45 a.m.; Confessions 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. No evening confessions; 12 Midnight High Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Masses-6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45.

Tuesday-5:30 p.m., Mass followed by Miraculous Medal No-

#### ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard MASS SCHEDULE Daily Mass-7 a.m. Saturday-8 a.m. Mass - 4:30 and 7:30 Confessions. Sunday - 7, 9 and 11 a.m.

Tuesday—7 p.m. St. Theresa Novena Devotions

#### VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

"THE CHURCH ON THE HILL" Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director Mrs. John MacPherson, Organis Mrs. Richard Orr,

Church Secretary lay — 10 a.m. Morning Sunday -Worship and Sunday School in Boeder House,



### Chen Berod,

when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go, and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they de-parted; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

St. Matthew 2:7-12

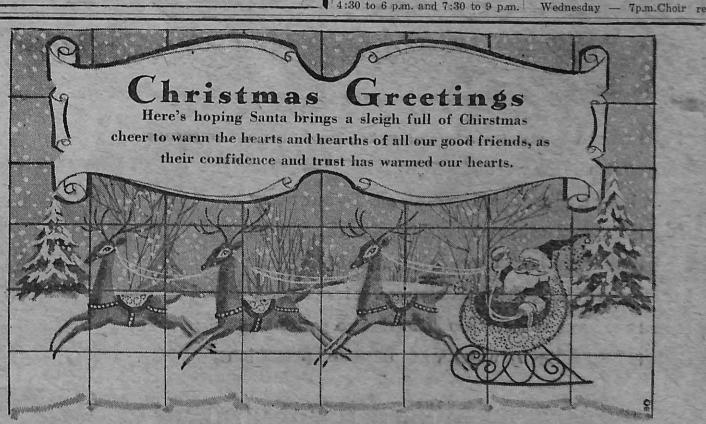
Thursday - 7:30 p.m. Bible Study.

#### BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts. West Springfield, Mass. Rev. John N. Garner, Pastor

9:45 a.m., Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m., morning worship service. There is a supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 7 p.m., evening

(Bible Baptist Church is in fellowship with the General Assn. of Regular Baptist Churches and the American and International Councils of Christian Churches).



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#### Townsend **Poultry Farms**

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### Selectman Connelly Objects To Sneak Gas Station Permit

today issued the following state- it is fair to the abuttors involved ment: "It is very disturbing in- or to any other interested taxdeed to note that the Board of paying citizens to restrict their Selectmen has advertised for a ability to attend and to be heard public hearing for a gasoline sta- at a time which should be devoted tion permit to be held at 7:30 to the numerous requirements of p.m. on this Friday Dec. 22, 1967. the Christmas holiday season. Regardless of the calendar date, this practically amounts to hold-located at the corner of Silver ing an important public hearing and Suffield Sts., which has been

### VWWI Card

War One was held at the Agawam National Guard Armory and wann National Guard W. Berner, Philo-winning door prizes were, Philo-mena Blanchett, Betty McCarthy, West Springfield. George Pierce and Florence Pan-

Mystery prize winners were Florence Steere, Selina Beauchane and George Pierce, Ladies ace prize was awarded to Mrs. Lucerono and Les Newcomb for

The following received high score prizes: Ladies-1st, Marie Boulrice; 2nd, Mary MacKay; 3rd, Jo Newcomb; 4th, Florence Panaretas; Men - 1st, Henry Cole; 2nd, Ralph Stetson; 3rd, Eugene Knightly; 4th, Walter Haggerty

Last Wedne day evening the last game in the present series was held and winners were Margaret O'Connor and Henry Cole.

Door prizes were won by Etta Stetson, Ann Hyde, Betty Dane, Jo Newcomb, Ace prize for the ladies was won by Marie Boulrice and Eugene Knightly for the men. Winning mystery prizes were Florence Steere, Jessie Tompkins and Amelia Riggott.

The high score winners were: Ladies-1st, Margaret O'Connor; 2nd, Betty Dane; 3rd, Mil. red Cote; 4th, Jessie Tompkins; Men -1st, Henry Cole; 2nd, George Pierce; 3rd, Ralph Stetson; 4th, Les Newcomb.

A new series started last night in the same place . . . time . .

#### Earliest Hymn

The earliest known Christmas hymn is Jesus refulsit ominum (Jesus, Light of All the Nations), written by Saint Hilary of Poitiers in the 4th century. However, the first Christmas carol with the traditionally lighter tone was born in Italy among the early Franciscan monks.



### GREETINGS

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Selectman Edward W. Connelly on Christmas Eve. I do not think

"The owner of the property, vacant and unattended for years, is not the petitioner for the gasoline permit, however there is un-Party Winners doubtedly an agreement whereby the sale of the approximately The weekly card party spon-seven acres of industrially zoned sored by the Veterans of World land, is contingent upon the purchaser obtaining the gas station permit. The petitioner is Dr.

"In the interest of good, clean government, this hearing should have been scheduled for a reasonable date, thereby permitting a substantial attendance of proponents and opponents to the issuance of the permit. It just doesn't make sense to close down the in recognition of the Holiday repaying citizens to attend a public hearing at 7:30 the same night."

### Promoted to Major

Cadet Robert G. Oppenheimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Oppenheimer, of 122 Edward St., Agawam, and a senior at the University of Massachusetts, has been promoted to the rank of Cadet Major, in the 370th AF-ROTC Detachment at the University in Amherst.

Cadet Oppenheimer earned his promotion because of his high level of performance during his junior year and during summer training activities at Pease Air Force Base.

A graduate of Agawam High School in 1964, Cadet Oppenheimer is a member of the Arnold Air Society, the Pre-Med Club and is a dormitory counsellor.

Cadet Oppenheimer will be eligible for a commission as a 2nd Lieutenent in the United States Air Force upon successful comoletion of his Advanced Air Force ROTC training at the University and upon the receipt of his BA degree in Pre-Med from the University. After graduation, he will continue his education in the field of medicine.

January 5, 1914 - The Ford Town Hall at 12 noon on the 22nd Motor Company announced that it was doubling its current wage ouirements and then expect tax- scale, inaugurating a basic \$5 minimum wage, and reducing the workday from nine to eight hours.



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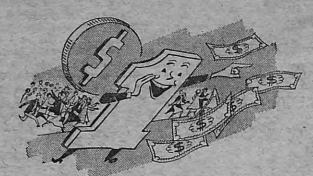
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#### New postmark?

### Mail From 'Nowhere

Have a wonderful season full of

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postmark may be on its way out. city, town, or village." If the penny-pinching General

bridge, or Tonopah on the post- portation, and mark, just the state names, Wy- mechanization." oming, South Dako'a, and Nevada, or maybe only the ZIP This means consolidating ef-newborn Jesus. Much has

code, will be there. A report just completed by the major reforms, including consolidation of some of the 44,000 postal centers. Such consolidation of the 44,000 fice Committee, and elsewhere.

Complicated measure are sending back researched to the consolidation of the c would make the continued use of the personalized postmark very difficult and uneconomical, says it thinks. the GAO

CONSOLIDATION URGED

55 Circuit Avenue

Washington-The old, familiar independent post office in each

The comptroller general is con-Accounting Office has its way, vinced that the post office must the community name on the post-mark will be sacrificed to the in-an era of "rapidly expanding terests of economy and efficiency. mail volume, different population In place of Thermopolis, Mo-patterns, faster methods of transsophisticated

The proposed reforms

Already, the Post Office De-

"The present organization of Washington led his troops across the postal field service," the re- the Delaware to Trenton, New port says, "is based generally on Jersey, for a surprise attack on the 19th-century concept of an the Hessians encamped there.

West Springfield



THE FAMILY-1967

### Christmas 1967

One of the first satellites was launched by divine edict, to guide the Wise Men from the East to Jerusalem, to pay homage to the

Much has been learned about the celestial galaxies since that time, and men of science continue to challenge their mysteries.

Complicated measuring instruments have reached the moon and are sending back research data, paving the way for future space

Over these nineteen-hundred odd years, the oft-told story of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and their later flight into partment has made it clear what Egypt epitomizes the philosophy of the family-the cornerstone of civilization.

Man, while attempting to unlock the mysteries of outer space, should take time out to pause and recall that it was the birth of a December 25, 1776 — George Savior in a stable at Bethlehem that helped to make this all possible.

Today's wise men who challenge the universe by orbiting new and bigger vehicles into space should also fall in behind the original three Wise Men guided by the first satellite, to pay homage to the Christ concept and the design of brotherly love. I ove of one's fellow-man begins with the family.

### Popcon Push

to the combined efforts of several 2,000 one-pound bags. Lansing and East Lancing

dis'aibutor of a popcorn company the Oldsmobile axle plant in Lanread about how United States sing said they would donate soldiers in Vietnam enjoy pop- money which they usually spend ping corn.

donate a ton of the stuff if some- the council added \$183.

one could be found to bag and send the corn to Southeast Asia.

Lansing, Mich.

A ton of corn will be popping in Vietnam this Christmas thanks to the combined of fauts. to work, stuffing the corn into

The Lansing Building Trades Council and the Lansing Jaycees The popcorn push began little rlan to put the begs into larger more than a week ago when the boxes for shipment. Workers at on Christmas cards for each oth-The man, E. E. White, told the er. They collected more than \$200 Lansing State Journal he would to help pay shipping costs and

# Bush Growth Accorded To

St. Patrick, who brought the celebration of Christmas to Ireland in the year 493. One of these is the story of the hawthorne bush.

When Patrick was a young missionary in France, on Christmas day he was walking around the countryside alone. Coming to the River Loire, where there was no bridge, he plunged into the icy water and swam across. He spread his cape on the shore to dry and, where the cape rested, a hawthorne bush which by nature blooms only in summer. When Patrick removed his cloak, to his amazement he saw the bush in full bloom, weighted down with snowy and fragrant blossoms.

Since then, at Christmastime, the bush has always blossomed though other bushes remain bare. Seeking a natural explanation for the phenomena, scientists assumed that the roots of the bush were touched by a warm underspring. Investigation showed that this was not the

Early persecution by their English overlords resulted in the Irish placing lighted candles in the window. Religion was suppressed. Priests were in hiding but secretly vi ited the faithfil's homes to say Mass there during the night. It was the prayerful hope of every family that, at least once, a priest would arrive to celebrate Mass during the Holy Night.

On Christmas Eve they left their doors unlocked and placed lighted candles in the window to welcome and guide any priest who might be in the vicinity.

#### **Duquette Completes** Mechanic Course

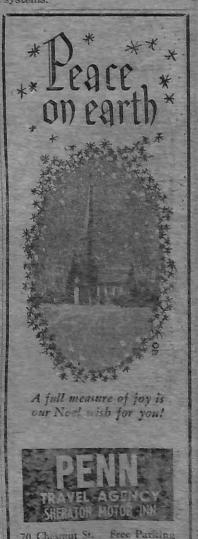
FT. JACKSON, S. C. (AHT-NC)-Army Private Mark E. Duque'te, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Duquette, 405 Silver St., Agawam, completed a wheeled vehicle mechanic course Dec. 1 at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

During the course, he was trained to repair internal combustion engines and wheeled vehicle chassis components, Instruction was given in the fundamentals of electrical and transmission systems



STATION

Provin Mountain - Agawam



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### **Children View Christmas** As Something Special

They're all full of smiles and and the angels that sang . . .

big bubble of light hanging on never

### **Holiday Festivities**

The children at Faolin Peirce man . been decorated for the holidays, and take him - m-m-m . been invited to the school from 3 wagon. to 4 p.m. to see the decorations and share in the holiday spirit.

Josephine Whitehead will present tree to bed with me tonight! a Christmas play entitled SAN-TA AND THE EFFICIENCY EXPERT. Room parties will follow the assembly and special re-freshments will be served by Peirce PTA mothers, Mrs. Phylhis Mason is chairman of this annual PTA activity.

A certain, famous world-traveller is expected to stop at Peirce School on the first leg of his latest global tour.

#### Worcestershire-**Tomato Sauce**

1 can tomato sauce (8 ounces) 1 tablespoon sugar

teaspoon Worcestershire

A cabbage and asparagus rectipe that won second prize in the New Jersey Asparagus Industry Council's 1967 asparagus recipe contest was invented by Mrs. Joe Himrod of Bowling Green, Fla.:

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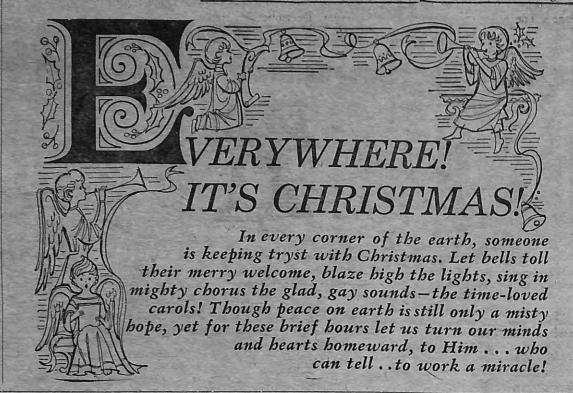
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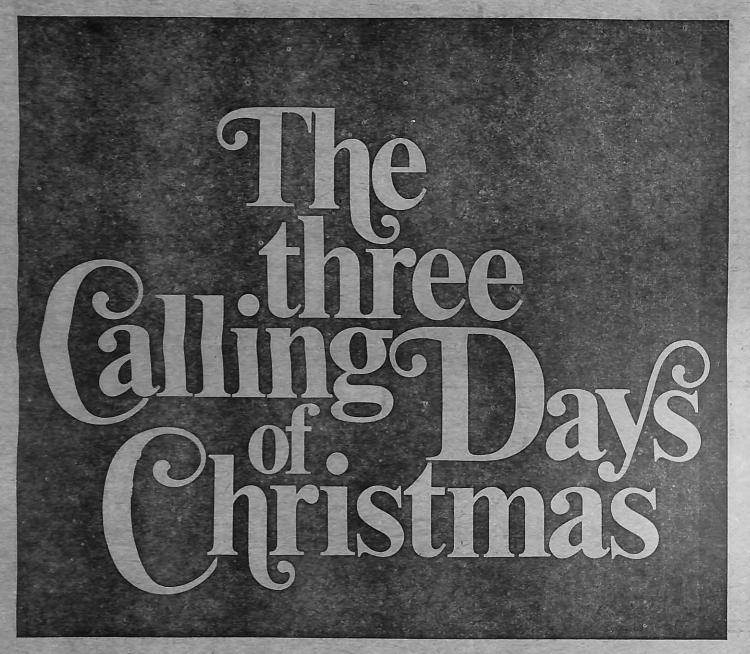
'Look at the old ones—Mommie thing to do with that story and Dad and all of them. They'll Grandma's been reading to me be looking at me as if they exevery night—about little Jesus' pect me to do something special. But they are the transfer of the same of the

I can't take my eyes off the And what is that wonderful tree! And it smells so good. I big bubble of light hanging on the tree? All gold and blue and beautiful! This must have somecuddle in her lap.

Oh! That tree! How it spar-At Peirce School on it - Look! There's a little kles! All those things hanging . looks like a gingerbread School are having a busy week man! There's cinnamon candies before Christmas vacation. The stuck on him - like buttons! school and the classrooms have Wonder if they'll let me reach up Today, the 21st, the parents have Nope! I almost tripped over the

Guess I'd better stay where I am. Hope they save it for me On Friday, Dec. 22, the fourth for later . . . I want to take it grade under the direction of Mrs. and that great big ball on the





### Bargain Long Distance Rates are in effect all the Christmas weekend.

Give your true love a call on the three days of Christmas. At the new rates you can afford it. And if you call before Christmas Day you'll avoid the possible delays of the telephoning rush.

So why not call early this year? It's just a helpful tip to go along with Christmas Greetings from all of us at New England Telephone — where we try to make your every "hello" . . . a real good buy.

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These bargain evening, weekend, and holiday rates are in effect from 7 p.m. Friday, to 7 a.m. Tuesday. That means you can make a 3-minute, station-to-station interstate call anywhere in the continental U.S. (except Alaska) for \$1 or less, plus tax. After midnight you can make the same call for 75¢ or less, plus tax, if you dial direct.



# SPORTSMEN'S CORNER By BILL CHIBA

Commissioner of Natural Resources Robert L. Yasi today anmounced that two new boat ramp construction projects are planned for Easthampton and Georgetown under the Public Access program.

among the most important of the or part of a Great Pond unless a 14 planned for the current fiscal year by the Public Access Board. passed by the Legislature.

Warner Bros., Inc. and Delta Materials Corp., of Sunderland Paul Doherty, District Chief were successful low bidders for Conservation Officer for the New the Easthampton project, which Hampshire Fish and Game Dewill cost \$43,500. In addition to partment, reports that recently the ramp there will be parking two lost hunters in the North

space for 32 cars and boat trailers. The site will be located in the Ox-Bow section of the Connecticut River, just off Route 5 between Northampton and Hol-

When completed, the new facility will open to the public that stretch of the Connecticut River from Holyoke to Turners Falls.

On June 7, 1967, the Massa-chusetts Supreme Judicial Court, reversing a decree of the Superior Court, entered a new, final decree enjoining the Department of Public Works from conducting any filling operations in Spy Pond in Arlington.

LAW RE-AFFIRMED

The Court re-affirmed previous law that land appropriated to one public use cannot be diverted to another inconsistent public use without plain and explicit Legislation-a special act-to that end. Neither the DPW, nor any other Yasi said the two projects are State Department, may take all special act authorizing it is first

THE RIGHT HAT

they were wearing the right colored hats! In the heavily wooded area the search party took to the air and easily spotted the caps from the plane. Officer Doherty points out that although the use of fluorescent colors such as 'blaze red or blaze orange" has been widely advocated as a protection from being mistaken for deer or other game, its merits as an aid in locating lost hunters has gone virtually unnoticed.

RECORD KILL

A combination of excellent herd condition, early tracking snow statewide, and an improved system of reporting combined to produce a record reported harvest of deer in New Hampshire for the 1967 season. Reports totaled 14,-125 as of Dec. 7, and although this figure cannot be considered final, no major change is expected. The previous record was 11,-537 for the longer 1951 season.

The bear kill for 1967 was 232, comparing well with last year's record of 293.

#### **Lighted Candles** Play Customary Christmas Role

Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the Christ child's way as he made his visits to the

One explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve recalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were constantly in use . . . Each Christmas a special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire . . . This log burned steadily as long as the feasting and celebrating continued. Naturally, it burned with a pungent odor and stockings were hung over the fireplace to absorb some of this odor and to protect the owners from evil spirits. A far cry from the present custom of loading them with



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The evergreen is the traditional pine, spruce and red pine. tree of Christmas, but did you know that the type of evergreen preferred differs greatly from one ful holly tree, as well as red pine. part of the country to the other?

In Pennsylvania there are three Differs in East, West preferred over others: Scotch

> East Coast southerners like red cedar and the scarce but beauti-

In the West it's cedars and In New England and the North- Arizona cypress it's Douglas fir,



cheery Yuletide wishes for you and your family, filled with our warm thanks for your loyalty. good will and patronage throughout the year. Hoping you all have a gay holiday!

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### Biblical Majesty Surrounds Israel's Venerable Cities

Tales of the Old and New Tes- places for the Moslem, Christian, taments seem distant in time and and Jewish religions. space. But visit Israel and the Bible comes alive.

There is Bethlehem, and Naz- place areth, where Christ spent his formative years with Joseph and beautiful land, the past lives viv-Mary in a grotto hollowed from idly. At the city zoo, each cage still there.

brisk, modern city with a Cali- on each cage. fornia flavor.

Across the Valley of Emek and over cypress-studded hills lies Nazareth. It rests on the southern slopes of the Hills of Galilee, with narrow, cobbled streets that climb the steep ridge. Although church spires rise above the houses, Nazareth still is an Arab

On the road into town, you will find Mary's Well, set below an arch of sandstone. Legend has it prosaic. that this is the same well used by the Virgin Mary 2000 years ago. It may be, for the house said to be that of Joseph and Mary is nearby.

Next to the Arab bazaar is a Franciscan monastery with an enclosed picturesque courtyard.

Visit the white-walled, arched church of St. Joseph, with a mosaic of the Holy Family over the altar. In the basement is a grotto carved in rock. Legend says this was Joseph's workshop, with living quarters in the rear. Pits sunk into the floor were used for larders for meat, oil and wine.

Across the courtyard is the Church of the Annunciation.

The grotto is the place where the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary.

Drive over the road through the pine-laden hills of Judea, which skirt the Jordan border.

The city of Jerusalem is divided, with most of the old part belonging to hostile Jordan. And it is in that Jerusalem of Jordan where you have the Mount of Olives, Wailing Wall, the Way of the Cross, and other sacred

Israelis are making Jerusalem their capital, the nation's show-

But here, as everywhere in this limestone hill. The grotto is bears a Biblical quotation. The A visitor's first contact with least one animal of each creature Israel is likely to be at Tel Aviv mentioned in the Bible, placing if arrival is by air. Tel Aviv is a the appropriate Biblical quotation

#### 'SPECIAL TREATS' FOR CHILDREN

French children get their presents, mostly practical ones, at the New Year.

Years ago, in Scotland, the most prized treats were oranges, currants and watered-down porter ale. Today their gifts are more

Italian children usually receive their presents on Jan. 6, the last day of the holiday season.

In Mexico, the children receive additional gifts on Epiphany, Jan. 6.

England is much like our country, except that gift-giving occurs on Dec. 26.

#### **USE CHRISTMAS SEALS**



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#### Varied Christmas Programs on WWLP

the theme of several regular ser- is also scheduled each Sunday ies and special programs Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Monday, Dec. 24 and 25, on At one o'clock Christmas after-WWLP-Channel 22 and WRLP- noon, the "At Home With Kitty" Channel 32.

The Christmas Eve presenta-tion of Walt Disney's "Wonder-ful World of Color," at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, will be a fu'll-hour Christmas Greeting "From All of Us to All of You." It will be a collection of memorable segments from Walt Disney's famed feature-length cartoons. Host Jiminy Crickett gets an assist from Mickmanagement has to assemble at least one animal of each creature mentioned in the Bible, placing the appropriate Biblical quotation bi," "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and "The Lady and the Tramp" will be seen.

At 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve Joe Nickerson, long a favorite of WWLP audiences, will offer an organ concert of seasonal music. Tom Colton will host this special studio presentation.

At midnight Channel 22 will join the NBC-TV Network for the annual live colorcast of Midnight Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

On Christmas morning the "Today" Show from 7 to 9 a.m. will offer a two-hour color special, "Christmas at the Cloisters," featuring works of art in the Cloisters that relate specifically to Christmas. The Cloisters, located in upper Manhattan, houses the foremost collection of medieval art in America.

A special presentation of the "Chalice of Salvation" series will be telecast from the Channel 22 Chapel from 10 to 11 a.m. Christmas Day. The Mass celebrant will be Father Xavier Hayes, C.P., of Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery

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in West Springfield. Father Fi- Jane Slate and Phyllis Kecki in a The Christmas season will be producer. "Chalice of Salvation" program of traditional Christmas time favorites.

noon, the "At Home With Kitty" sel of the U. S. Navy, was program will feature organists launched at Greenpoint, L. I.

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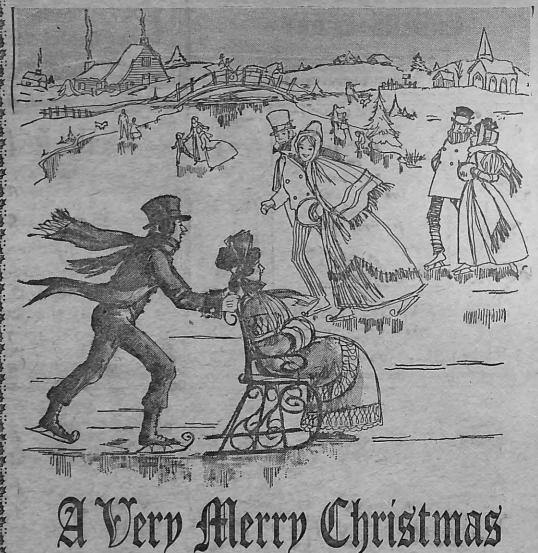
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Jobs for which the Summer Employment Examination is not required include those for which a college degree or equivalent experience is needed, so called bluecollar jobs, and certain jobs in the Department of Agriculture and Interior, such as park ranger and forest technician.

summer job opportunities and application procedures may be found in the Civil Service Commission Announcement No. 4-4, 'Summer Jobs in Federal Agencies." This issuance is available on request from U. S. Civil Service Commission offices, Post Offflices, and from Congressman Silvio O. Conte, 405 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20515.

# Caroling Once Applied To Lyrics For Dancing

'carol" should be applied to the ces and secular songs in churches. lyrics written to go with a round Little by little the religious danother characteristic features of the ces were done away with. Those ure. However, as with many which survived the longest were The earliest collection of carols words common usage has changed the dances performed on Shrove its meaning until now it designates almost exclusively the songs written to celebrate the Christmas

The original meaning of the word "carol" is right in keeping with the first caroling, for it consisted of both cancing and singing. The "crib" of the Saviour, in the traditional setung, was placed in the center of the cnurch at Christmas and the carollers formed a ring to dance around it. Like the tricks performed by the juggler in the famous story, the lancing was offered reverently. Complete information about all Thus, some of the most famous Latin Christmas hymns were written to dance tunes.

The custom of caroling found its way into the Christian Church from pagan rituals. The clergy, although opposed to the practice, had to accept it and so contented themselves with limiting its prac-

The struggle between the clergy and the churchgoers went on for years. Even as late as 1209, it was necessary for the council of

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the Latin and followed the Teutonic feasts of the winter solstice, lent itself to gaiety.

There are numerous carols still boar's head.

Strictly speaking, the word Avignon to forbid theatrical dan-in existence dating back to the

the dances performed on Shrove printed made its appearance in England in 1521, issued by Wyn-kyn de Worde. It includes the mass festival, which coincided with famous Boar's Head carol, which in a slightly altered form is sung at Queen's College, Oxford, England, on the bringing in of the

### Irish Have Several Christmas Legends

to do with those entering para- the devil died when Christ was dise on Christmas Eve. Any perborn. son dying at midnight was believed to enter heaven at once, because that is the one time during the year when the gates of paradise are open.

On Twelfth Night in Ireland it was the custom to set up, as high as possible, a sieve of oats. In it a dozen candles were placed with a large one in the center and all lighted. This was in memory of Christ and His Apostles— Lights of the World.

During medieval times in Ireland, one hour before midnight the church bells tolled a solemn message of mourning, as if tolling for a funeral. Just as the clock struck 12, the bells would suddenly ring out in Christmas joy. This tolling from 11 to 12 was called "the devil's funeral"

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An interesting Irish legend has for, according to an old saying,

#### He Takes To Water . . .

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii-More than one eyebrow will be raised when a new crewman reports aboard the United States Navy's picket escort ship Falgout at Pearl Harbor shortly. The new crewman's name-Donald Duck.

Seaman Apprentice Duck recently completed his basic training at San Diego and has been assigned to the Falgout.

Seaman Duck said he has quite a time with his name. He said shortly after his arrival in San Diego he was sent to the naval hospital. He said he had to convince three staff nurss, two corpsmen and one doctor that his name really was Donald Duck.

He also tells of trouble in San Francisco with an airline ticket agent. The agent said, "Sure, we have Mickey Mouse aboard, too." Seaman Duck said his name is

not a total deficit. He said it starts a conversation on the light humorous side and that it is a name that has its advantages in making friends

What do the sailor's parents think about his name?

Ask them-Mr. and Mrs. Donald Duck of Agana, Guam.

January 1, 1902 - The first Rose Bowl football game resulted in University of Michigan defeating Stanford, 49-0. However this classic did not become a regular New Year's Day event





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Lealand Ave., Agawam, has an-elementary teacher in the Aganounced the engagement of her wam public school system. daughter, Sandra Bertha Drzyzga

The bride-elect is a graduate of Agawam High School and Our 20.

Mrs. William J. Drzyzga of 140 | Lady of Elms College. She is an

A graduate of Technical High to William Vincent Ashton of 77 School, Mr. Ashton is enrolled in Kerry Drive, He is the son of the evening division of American Mrs. Vincent W. Ashton of International College. He is emspringfield, and the late Mr. ployed by the F. A. Bassatte Co., Ashton. Miss Drzyzga is the this city and is a member of the daughter of the late Mr. Drzyzga. Massachusetts National Guard.

Wedding plans are for April

# Poles Drove Spirits

grew, Polish peasants used to drive harmful spirits away during the 12 days between Christit was dragged into the manor it was dragged into the manor mas and Epiphany. They burned house or castle. While caroling pine resin all night to rout witch-es from their homes, and on Christmas eve, the youngsters Christmas eve, they wrapped played Snapdragon, a game in cloth around the base of trees which the players tried a bowl of to keep spirits out, and fired shot burning spices and spirits. into fields to prevent supernatural beings from harming the land.

ling article of clothing or jewelry. their plays, the Germans used the World War II, filers used the decked-out fir trees as the "tree word to describe a shower of Paradise," representing the metallic foil dropped by an air- Garden of Eden. When authoriplane to jam enemy radar systies discouraged public displays of tems. And a "Christmas tree" in the slang of drillers means the derrick of an oil or gas well.

Called Noel by the French, Navidad by the Spanish, Natale by the Italians and Weihnachten by the Germans, Christmas in our part of the world is derived from the old English term Cristes maesse (Christ's Mass), a term first used in the 11th Century.

The large part children play in



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Another story credits medieval "Christmas" can mean a spark-lighting a Christmas tree. In

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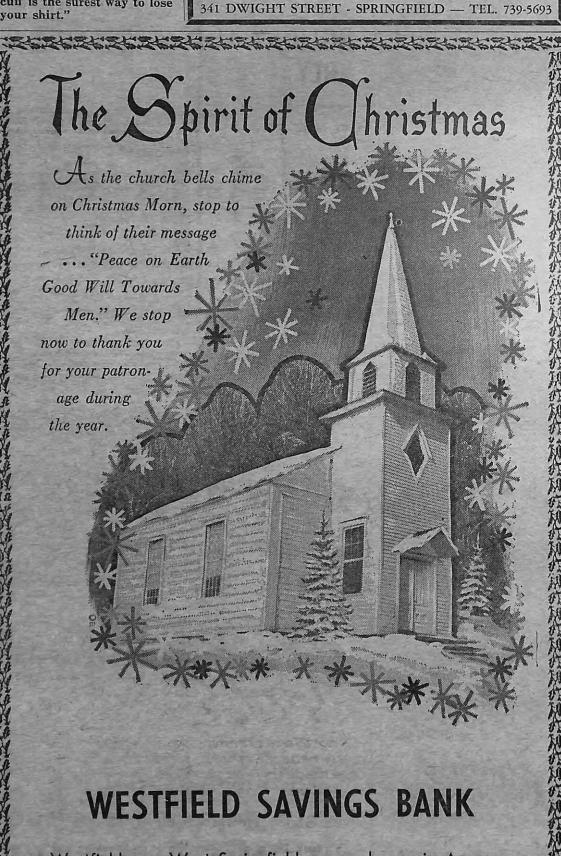
An open house program, pre-

NORTHAMPTON - Students sented by student nurses and at Agawam Senior High School faculty members, will include the who are interested in careers in nursing have been invited to an of the hospital and McCallum open house at the Cooley Dickin- Nurses Residence, and informal son Hospital School of Nursing discussion. The CDH School of Nursing admissions counselor will be available to answer ques-Invitations have been extended tions about admission require-

Reservations are not required and all those interested in nursing are welcome to attend.

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# Christ's First Gifts Suitable For A

According to the Book of Mat- trees which grow on bare rock in as a base for perfume and in-thew, the first gifts the Christ the mountains of southern Asia cense—and is still so used comreceived from the Three and northern Africa. Wise Men were gold, frankincense and myrrh.

no mystery about the value of a gift of gold. And in today's money dian and Chinese temples. market it gets additional attenprecious metal was possessed only by kings and very rich men. Thus, the gift was especially precious - one gift for a King.

The other gifts were rare and precious as well. However in today's world, little is known of these substances even though they are still in use.

Since St. Matthew says that the Three Wise Men were from the East, it is assumed that the gold they brought with them for the infant Jesus came from the mines of Indian Mysore.

Frankincense, or olibanum, is a resin obtained from the bary of

Once upon a time it was used as a medicine. Today it is prin-To the modern world there is cipally used as incense in Roman Catholic churches, and also in In- loved ones. The gold perhaps

Myrrh is a gum resin also obtion. Yet in ancient times, this tained from the bark of trees which grow in Africa and Arabia. Since early times it has been used

#### Word 'Xmas' Has Religious Origin, Reverent Meaning

There has been much unfavorble comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it in appropriate and undignified to use

the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X besides the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.

mercially today.

Thus it is the same today as it was in Biblical times when gifts of gold or perfume are made to isn't as precious nor as rare as it was when the Three Wise Men travelled to Bethlehem, but the idea behind the gift of gold, as well as perfume based with frankincense or myrrh, is the

#### Holiday Eggnog

3 cups milk, 1 cup light cream, 1-3 cup Revere sugar, 2 egg yolks, ¼ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 2 egg whites, 3 tablespoons Revere sugar.

Combine milk and light cream. Scald, Beat 1-3 cup Revere sugar into egg yolks. Add salt, Slowly stir in milk mixture. Cook in double boiler over hot, not boiling water, stirring constantly until mixture coats spoon. Cool. Add

Beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add 3 tablespoons sugar, beating until soft peaks form. Add to custard and mix thoroughly. Chill 3 to 4 hours. Serve from punch bowl. Sprinkle with grated nutmeg. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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have been chosen. Greg Orr, a portant career conferences! senior, was chosen for Emile, the kethall game tomorrow night, French planter on a South Pa- Agawam at West Side! MERRY cific Island during World War CHRISTMAS!! HAPPY NEW II. This is the fourth year in YEAR!! which Greg has participated in the operetta.

Another veteran of AHS operettas is Dorthea Major, who plays Nellie, the Wave who comes to the island as a nurse

The two second-leads go to Ellen Moriarty, a senior, who plays Bloody Mary, and Bill Barker, a junior playing Billis.

Choosing the cast are Mr. Davis, general director, Mrs. Wuesthoff, music director, and Mrs. Peavey, acting director.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Many AHS clubs have held Christmas parties to celebrate the upcoming holiday. Tomorrow, all day, the Library Staff will enjoy a party in the library work-room. At any free time of the day, Library Staff members may go to the workroom for the party. Among the parties already held are the Personality Club and IRC

#### BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the AHS Basketball team, who won its first game of the season against Chicopee Comp.

Last Wednesday, the AHS fac-ulty played a basketball game against the faculty of Stafford Springs High School. Before a capacity crowd, our teachers beat Stafford Springs in an extremely

close game. COMING EVENTS: Operetta

The long-awaited results of the rehearsals start soon!! Kid Party operetta "South Pacific" leads tomorrow night! Watch for im-

#### Asparagus Cabbage Pot

large head cabbage

1 teaspoon salt

- 1 teaspoon monosodium gluta-
  - 1 cup sour cream
  - 1 cup milk
- 1 envelope cream of mushroom oup mix
  - 1 cup cooked shrimp

20 asparagus spears, cooked

Cut deep "V" across bottom of abbage, removing most of stem. Parboil for 15 minutes in salted

Place in baking dish, "V" side p. sprinkle with monosodium

Combine cream, milk, soup mix, and shrimp. Pour about half the mixture into "V."

Arrange asparagus lengthwise through notch and cover with remaining seasoning mixture. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 20-30 minuts. Serves six.





### May your Christmas be filled with the warmth of good cheer, good fellowship!

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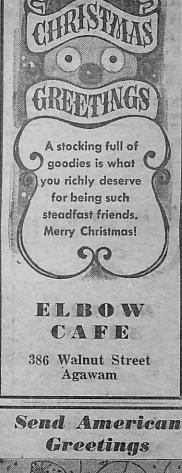
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3. Before decorating a tree, give lights and candles. So for a safe it a fire-retarding treatment. Disand happy holiday, follow these solve one-half pound alum (availmple precautions:

1. Saw the Christmas tree trunk

able in drugstores) and one-half to use an old sheet, flameproof it pound kitchen shelf baking soda first by dipping it in a solution off at an angle at least one-inch in a gallon of water. Fill a bugabove the original cut end; then killing gun or other squirt-type use a stand that provides for a contraption with the solution and water well. Keep well filled to spray it on the tree. Decorative reens should likewise be treated, but they can be dunked in the solution. Extra bonus a decorative snow-like coating. Remember, however, that this treatment is merely a fire retarder. Fire can still break out although it will be

spect them carefully and dispose around them have turned brown. If so, move them.

5. Use only foil or flameproof or fireproof material to cover the Christmas tree stand. If you want to use an old sheet, flameproof it of nine ounces of pure borax, four ounces of boric acid powder and a gallon of water. Wring by hand, hang to dry and iron if you wish.

6. Use only glass, metal or fireproof trimmings on the tree.

#### **Great Celebration**

In Israel, the greatest Christa slow smolder instead of a fast mas celebration will be in Nazblaze, so don't be lulled into a areth, the little town in the hills of Galilee, where all is related to

Boat Show Jan. 19-21

Thirty Sportsmen's Clubs planning to participate in the fourth annual Massachusetts Sportsmen's and Boat Show are feverishly involved in preparing for

Sportsmen's Clubs

The show will be located in the Better Living Center at Exposition Park, West Springfield, Mass. The early date is looked upon favorably by the many commercial displayers who are plan-

ning to show their outdoor products to the visiting public.

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The annual event is sponsored by the Agawam Sportsmen's Club in cooperation with the Hamp-den County Council of Sports men's Clubs,

Main features will be the large indoor trout pond in which anglers can get a head start on the fishing season; an indoor archery range, manned by the Agawam Bowmen Club, whose members enthusiastically teach the art of shooting the bow and arrow to the eager public, and a fly casting

The 1968 line of boat, trailer and camper models as well as firearms displays will also be

Clubs planning to participate include: Agawam Sportsmen's Club, Agawam Bowmen Club, Agawam Revolver Club, Hampden County Council of Sportsmen's Clubs, Hampden County Women's Rod and Gun Club, Hartford Surf Club, Izaak Walton League (Springfield and Quabbin chapters), Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club, Sandisfield Rod and Gun Club, United Mobile Sport Fisherman Club and the West Springfield High School Conservation Club.

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- On this date the "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Bis-Ladies of the Auxiliary and sonnette and presented her with guests were greeted by a beau- a pale green cake. tifully decorated hall when they arrived for their "pot luck" supper and Christmas Party. All this was the work of Emily Dias and Katy Dickinson.

balls, meat loaf, macaroni, as- under the weather. On Saturday sorted salads, breads, desserts she had a little minor surgery and coffee, the women had a on her inner lip requiring 5 gift exchange. Delightful things stitches at the Mercy Hospital. can be bought for \$1 and they Maybe next year! were shown around the table.

Anna D. Bissonnette distributed hand made corsages to all the ladies present and Betty Curran made like Santa Claus with shopping bags with goodies for everyone. The evening was made more pleasant when they sang

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After the tables were cleared the meeting began and much

1.-A donation was made to the Agawam Clearing House to ing at a bazaar. Kay is making be spent as Mrs. Edith Larson sees fit. A container is set up at the Post Home to be filled one wishing to contribute can with canned goods to be given do so by calling her at 785-5928. away in time for Christmas. Anyone wishing to donate canned you in advance.

2.—Hospital Chairman Betty Curran reported that she spent \$67.93 on the monthly hospital program for the Holyoke Sol-diers Home, the Veteran Administration Hospital, and for a transistor radio for a hospital-

3.—Katy Dickinson reported that on Sunday, Dec. 10, she and the Youth Activities Chairman James Stellato delivered an 8 ft. Christmas stocking filled with toys valued at \$90 to the children at Monson State Hospital. work was accomplished and re- The stocking was a donation to

the V.F.W. from Paula Zucco Christmas Story a collection of clothing suitable for the children at Monson. Any-

soups, vegetables, ham, meats, juices, etc., can drop them off at 194 South Street. We thank you in advance.

4. -venetta Snyder, President of the Auxiliary, announced the "Turkey Supper" was a success and thanks everyone for attendance ing, and her are the support of the Auxiliary, announced the support of the Auxiliary and the support of the Auxiliary announced the support of the Au 4. Venetta Snyder, President ing with the serving.

NOW - ACTION - NOW

The economy wave, now a very

active subject in the House of Representatives, has sufficient support to become a REALITY. A 5% or 10% reduction in Government spending could affect V.A. appropriations, especially in the field of hospital construction and modernization of existing hospitals. In the budget for the fiscal year 1968 the \$106 million for these projects has already been reduced by Congress to \$52.6 million, and an across-the-board cut would further affect the construction program as would an executive order "FREEZING" construction already under way "Your Congressman" will be returning to his own District after the adjournment of the first session of the 90th Congress, DO NOT hesitate to contact him for an appointment to let him know your views on the Veterans of Foreign Wars Legislative Pro-gram, I urge all to write "IN-DIVIDUAL LETTERS" to your Congressman and Senators, telling them that we are behind them 100%-remember, your Representatives in Washington, D.C. are waiting for your letters. DO IT NOW!!! SAVE all responses for your Legislative Chairman.

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HCIL Group Yule Party Dec. 28

The Feeding Hills Hampden County Improvement League Group will hold an Hors D'oeuvres party night on Thursday, Dec. 28th, at 8 in the Clinic Room of the Administration Building (Town Hall) on Main St. Everyone attending is asked to bring something in canapes, dips or appetizers, so they can be tasted and the recipes shared. Also bring a dollar gift for exchange.

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dan to the north, and the State all quarters of the globe. of Israel to the south. Despite The most colorful celebr of Israel to the south. Despite The most colorful celebrations its political boundaries, it is all occurr on Jan. 6 and 7 when the still Holy Land to millions of the Orthodox Eastern Catholics obworld's three great monotheistic faiths - Judaism, Christianity Jan. 18 and 19 when the Armeand Islam (which reveres Abra- nian Catholics hold theirs. Visitors ham and Jesus as spiritual prede- will watch the most gorgeous cessors for Mohammed).

faiths are here. Jerusalem conments, carrying jeweled icons and tains on the Jordan side the croziers, and the lay worshipers Christians' Holy Sepulchre, the carrying lighted tapers. Muslims' Dome of the Rock (the site of Solomon's Temple and Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac), and the Jews' Wailing Wall (to which the Israeli are now denied ac- in Bethlehem is most spontaneous

On the Israel side, there is the Tomb of David, most revered of Jewish shrines, and above it the room of the Last Supper, a holy place to Christians.

Since it is a land of shrines, it is a land of pilgrimages. At Chrimastime, in anticipation of the Feast of the Nativity, Bethlehem and Jerusalem in Jordan and Nazareth in Israel are preparing

#### South School Yule Program Friday

Friday the South School w'll present "Christmas Eve News" under the direction of Mrs. Margorie Th mas in their traditional Christmas program. The lead par's are taken by Andrew Panpas-Grade 5, Mark M'rolli-Grade Shawn Sullivan-Grade6, and Adela Demko-Grade 6. Costemes and props are being provided by the various classrooms.

Also included in the Christmas festivities is the fifth and sixth grade chorus under the direction Mrs. Sylvia Starkie. Those boys and girls will, sing "Dona Nobis Pacem," "Angels We Have Heard, and "Silent Night." A solo, "O Holy Night" will be sung by Charlene Mathieu. Phillip Lo-Monaco will accompany the chorus while they sing "Angels We Have Heard on High."



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Consider the divided land called for the Christian celebrants who tians feast is Arab, tinged with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jor- will soon be thronging in from the customs of the West.

serve their Christmas, and on processions, church dignitaries in have a slight influence upon her. The major shrines of all three full panoply of brocaded vest-

Since most Arab Christians (12 per cent of Jordan) hold to the Byzantine rites of the Orthodox Eastern Church, this celebration and picturesque because for the season the natives wear their traditional gold-braided velvet jackets (derived from the 12th Century Crusaders) and the ladies the attorney asked. are coifed in medieval, veiled wimples

In Bethlehem, which means the House of Bread the Secular Chris-

#### Simple Economics

Madison, Wis. - Mrs. Loren Weiss of Sun Prairie was tentatively seated on a Circuit Court jury, though she admitted the anpearance of the defendants might

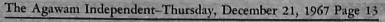
Being tried on disorderly conduct charges were six protesters involved in a University of Wisconsin antiwar demonstration in October. Some had beards and long hair.

Asked if anything she had read might influence her about the case, Mrs. Weiss said "no." She told the defense attorney, however, that the defendants themselves could be an influence.

What do you mean by that?"

"My husband," she replied, "is a barber."

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A new shipment of YMCA Tshirts sizes 10-14 have just arrived at the Agawam YMCA. These make very nice Christmas

Holiday

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their loved ones

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A Joyous

### Page 14 The Agawam Independent-Thursday, December 21, 1967 Manger Scene Origin Ancient JOIN Question Without An Ans

find the answer to that oft-asked walls of the catacombs under time it was expanded by various question, "Whence came the first Rome. Also, there are small in- embelishments. manger scene?" Who was it who dividual figures of a shepherd. Then, secular scenes and lines first gently laid the symbol of and of Mary that date back to were added and the plays finally Dec. 27, 28 and 29, will be the Christ Child in a tiny rustic very early Christian art. Possibly became so crude, the church dethree days of special programs crib and tenderly placed Mary these are all that remain from creed they be given outside its at the Agawam YMCA. This will and Joseph on either side peering part of a creche. be open to boys and girls grades down at Him lovingly? Was it a Other than these, there is no shepherd who carved the little evidence of a complete nativity members. The program will in- wooden figures while he tended scene which dates any earlier how these dramatizations had beclude games, swimming, gym, his sheep or was it a devoted than medieval times. cookout and movies. Boys and peasant who wanted to portray girls must bring their own lunch, the story of the birth of Christ that the first representation of simple and sincere observances of milk will be provided. Registra- more realistically and vividly to the nativity scene can be con- Christianity to the people. So, in

the creche is to be found in a the churches. Every detail of the the town of Grecio, Italy,

nected to the medieval miracle 1224, he asked permission of the The closest link to the idea of plays which were performed in Pope to set up a manger scene in

For years men have tried to fifth-century stone frieze on the Bible story was enacted, and in

, Francis of Assisi, observing come more wordly than religious, There is far more certainty felt the need to reenforce the

### Pie, Puritans Mingle

Mince pies, so long a part of our Christmas tradition, originally had a deeply symbolic signilated Christmas... Anyone celeb-fore Advent began with the words frankincense and myrrh,

classes have stopped until Jan. pealed. 3rd because of the holidays.

Christians condone the pagan origin of Christmas? Did not such presents. For further informa-tion call 733-9676. eating and drinking?...It was 22 eating and drinking?...It was 22 Women's gym and volleyball years before that law was re-

In the Book of Common Prayer

ficance....The first mince pies rating, stopping work, serving "Stir up." The people of Peterwere patterned in oblong shape, holiday fare or deviating from borough took this to be a remindafter the manger in which Christ normal daily life would be fined er that they should start their was born...The crust represented five shillings...The righteous Pu- plum pudding at that time and the gold brought by the Three ritans were sure they were act- everybody in the family took a Wise Men; the many spices, the ing wisely-for how could good hand in the stirring until it was



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# Scientists Still Ponder: Was The Star Of Bethlehem An Exploding One?

into space . . . sending satellites However . . . some scholars beinto orbit, preparing to put earth-lieve it may have been a super-is that the star's supply of hydroularity, maintaining weather stations — all with an aura of de- if it was a supernova in the perature sets off helium-fusion vastating casualness.

Bethlehem which floeded the skies might be taking place. so many hundreds of years ago, A "nova" implies a new star, confluence of the planets Saturn anno domini. Perhaps, in the last but actually is not. It is rather and Jupiter which led three antio. than are dreamt of in your times more brilliant than the sun. in themselves,

lings on the moon-transmitting nova, or exploding star. Others gen becomes exhausted. As the TV programs across continents think it might have been a comet star contracts the core tempera-and oceans with increasing reg- or perhaps a conjunction of the tures rises to 110 million degrees

Milky Way, astronomers say it Yet men of science still are would have unquestionably filled a huge nuclear fusion reactor mystified by the strange and over- ancient stargazers with awe and which eventually flies to pieces. Yet men of science still are would have unquestionably filled whelming radiance of the Star of the feeling that a great event

analysis, mere scientific probing an old star that suddenly flares will not clear up the mystery to up in a display 20,000 to 50,000 the night that Christ was born. full satisfaction. "There are more times brighter than the sun. A But does that explain the mirthings in heaven and earth, Hora- supernova is about 100 million

Today it is thought that its dazzling light was an infrequent the night that Christ was born. acle? The planets are a miracle

perature sets off helium-fusion processes, and the star becomes

### Bvil Helper Change

a rule, they are just as jolly and doers. It is from this ancestry lovable as ol' St. Nick himself—that Rupprecht was born. but in Germany he has a not-sojolly henchman.

He goes by the name of Rup-precht and is a strict disciplinarian who spanks naughty boys and girls with a birch rod.

What's more, according to ugly the attack in revamping Ruprumor, he thinks nothing of carrying off especially bad children

The revolt has wrought a new in a sack and disposing of them in ways too horrible to imagine.

He's a bully, an ogre and Simon Legree all rolled into one. German scholars say he is a de-scendant of Wotan—the German Zeus—and his "wild array" of heathen sub-gods.

It all started back in pre-Christian times when the Germans celebrated the winter solstice on December 21, when daylight hours begin to lengthen.

A big feast was held in honor of Tyr, God of the Sun, War and Justice. Legend has it that just preceding the festivities Wotan and his comrades roam the land.



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The revolt has wrought a new Rupprecht. He appears in show windows throughout Germany as good-natured oaf who is devoted Mary,

#### Candles a Symbol

Candles....symbolizing Christ as the Light of the World, play a very important part in Irish Christmas tradition. On Christmas Eve the mother or father of the house lights a candle and the whole family prays for their loved ones, living and dead. In some parts of Ireland, no one is allowed to snuff out the Christmas cansort of Teutonic Flintstone, a dle except those with the name



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PORTLY PATRIOT

RADNOR, Pa.—British actor Sebastian Cabot told TV Guide magazine of his efforts to participate in the war effort during World War II: "I tried to get work in a munitions factory, but they told me I was too fat to stand on my fet all day. As if it was their feet I was standing

TO THE RESCUE

RADNOR, Pa.—Comedian Pat Paulsen, who does those funny double-talk editorials on "The double-talk editorials on "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Alva Edison patented the electrour," has also written several tric incandescent lamp.

songs for the brothers. It is suggested in TV Guide magazine that one titled "Chocolate" is a clue to Paulsen's funny bone. It's about a fellow roller-skating on the edge of a vat of chocolate who trips, falls in, and yells "Fire!" because nobody would save him if he yelled "Chocolate." TV GUIDELINE

Commenting in TV Guide magazine about half-time shows at Ivy League football games, a Harvard student remarked: "What we lack in production we make up for in bad taste."



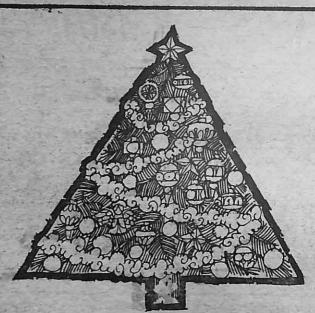
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erans and dependents receiving return the window envelopes that nonservice - connected pensions from the Veterans Administration were mailed from cards on which to report their annual in- naire card be put in the return and Importers shall make no come, the VA reported.

The check-sized income report cards, enclosed with the Novem- envelope window. ber pension checks, must be filled out and returned to the VA by January 31 or payment of the pension will be stopped, the VA reminded. The law requiries that payment be stopped if income is not reported.

The forms are again simplified this year, and designed for faster processing in automatic accounting machines.

In addition to requesting that the cards not be folded, torn or mutilated, the VA this year is

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her bond.

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The income questionnaires are going to all veterans and dependnonservice - connected pension or a registered physician. rolls, and to parents of deceased veterans who are receiving dependency and indemnity payments

Assistance in completing the income questionnaire may be obtained at the VA Contact Division, Room E-116, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Government Center, Boston and the VA Office, 1200 Main St., Springfield, or Agawam Veterans Office, Town Hall, Main St.

#### **Building Funded**

Washington — An appropriation bill providing \$2.09 billion for military construction projects at home and abroad has been signed by President Johnson.

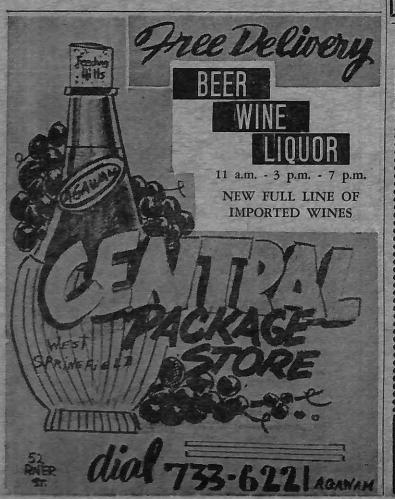
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#### NEW YEAR'S DAY

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